

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Invention: INFORMATION RECORDING/PLAYBACK APPARATUS AND METHOD

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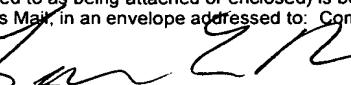
  
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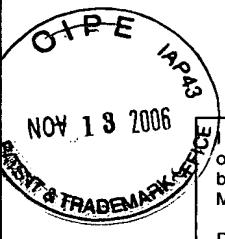
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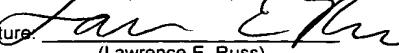
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-46, 57 and 58, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: